

## Planning key to Wolf Pack's inspection readiness

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In the roughly six months that I have been at Kunsan, the Wolf Pack team has overcome some significant milestones: visits by the Republic of Korea president, the Secretaries of the Defense and Air Force, commanders-in-chief of Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Forces Korea, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and the Air Force Board and Base Beautification Teams. Additionally, we hosted more than 1,000 U.S. forces for Foal Eagle and battled the effects of three typhoons that skirted our shoreline.

We have done all of these with first-class style and unbelievable teamwork. However, perhaps our biggest milestone is yet to come in March. When the PACAF Inspector General rolls into town for our Operational Readiness Inspection we will have a chance to not only show what we are made of, but also how well we can do our mission – the very reason we spend a year of our lives here. This is our report card, and I want to share a few ideas on how to get ready for this most significant event.

First, we must begin preparing now. We have less than two months to get ready. Pull up the PACAF IG Web site and run your checklist. Treat it like a Unit Compliance Inspection as well as an ORI and you will have all the bases covered. Look closely at Special Interest Items and talk to other bases for cross flow, if possible.

Clean up your areas and look at yourself with a critical eye. Are the information boards in your work areas current; do you have the right unit patches on your uniform; do you need a haircut, etc. First impressions are truly everything. Check all Staff Assistance Visits and exercise reports/local hotwash reports and last year's ORI report; pay special attention to write-ups – repeats are the kiss of death.

Be aggressive. Start with a good in brief, if possible, and keep a daily register of what the IG notes and try to fix it immediately. Then show them in writing how you fixed it. Keep this in a nice binder that you can present to them at the end of each day. Also, don't forget to show them the programs that you are extremely proud of. These may be programs that will be carried back for the benefit of the entire Air Force. Finally, focus on what I call the six basic elements to a successful inspection

1. SAFETY – Priority number-1. Period.
2. ABILITY TO SURVIVE AND OPERATE – In order for us to accomplish the mission, we must be able to survive.
3. ATTITUDE – Let them know you and your outfit are winners, and that you're proud of it.
4. SENSE OF URGENCY – This one will set the tone for the whole inspection.
5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – If you can't employ/deploy your people or gear/cargo on time, you have failed your mission.

6. YOU – Nothing happens without this one! YOU are the key to SUCCESS of the MISSION!

Kunsan is a team like no other I have ever seen or worked with. Over the course of six months, I've had to learn things and get programs up to speed in half the time it would be done at a typical continental United States assignment. I've had to ask 150 people to keep up an incredible pace so that all of the things that we would normally hope to accomplish in two or three years can be done in only one. But that's okay because we don't do things in a mediocre manner here, and we all want to leave a positive mark on this wing, command and country. It is for that reason that we deserve to do well, because

we do know our mission and we're are totally focused on how to do it.

By the time the IG comes knocking, we will have proven this in-house many times, often while simultaneously juggling significant real-world taskings. We have several more opportunities to fine tune our skills before it will be time to show everyone else what the Wolf Pack can do, so let's use these to the fullest extent and pace ourselves accordingly.

I, for one, am proud of what we have already accomplished but we are not done yet – not by a long shot!

My sights are on an "Outstanding" rating, but I am just one person on a team of thousands. We owe it to our people. We owe it to ourselves. Are you and your warriors ready?

### Commander's Hotline

*The commander's hotline is your direct line of communication between me and the Wolf Pack. It's one of several means of helping to resolve concerns and to get my response to comments and questions. As a general rule, I ask you to contact the agency involved first, but if you are not satisfied, call the hotline at 782-5284, e-mail the 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office or e-mail me directly.*



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8th Fighter Wing commander

Who to call	
Base exchange.....	782-4520
Chapel.....	782-4300
Civil engineer squadron customer service.....	782-5318
Commissary manager.....	782-4144
Computer help desk.....	782-2666
Fitness center.....	782-4026
Housing office.....	782-4088
Inspector General.....	782-4850
IDEA office.....	782-4020
Law enforcement desk.....	782-4944
Legal assistance.....	782-4283
Military equal opportunity.....	782-4055
Military pay.....	782-5574
Military personnel flight customer service.....	782-5276
Medical patient advocate.....	782-4014

**Question:** I'm a non smoker living in Dorm 620. The person in the room next to me smokes and it stinks and gives me headaches. I've talked to first sergeants and dorm managers and the individual but he still smokes. I have an air purifier and a fan set up in my room but it still, smells when he smokes. Why is it that nobody wants to mandate the Air Force no smoking policy?

**Answer:** You're correct, the rights of the non-smoker prevail. According to 8FWI 32-6002 section 3.8.1; "In the event a smoker and a non-smoker are roommates, the non-smoker's rights take precedence."

You are not roommates, but you do share the same air, so that does make your room connected to his, and according to AFI 32-6005, section 1.6.1; "If a non-smoker detects second hand smoke regardless of its source, the rights of the non-smoker will prevail"

You can reference AFI 40-102 and seek assistance from base environmental health technicians if you want to have the air quality measured to show that the second-hand smoke is present and the concentrations are high enough to cause you problems.

### Countdown to ORI 2001 41 Days



#### ATSO Tip of the Week:

#### Chemical Contamination

*Chemical droplets are rapidly absorbed into paved surfaces preventing very little hazard only a few hours after a chemical attack. However, grass holds liquid agents on its surface presenting both a contact and vapor hazard for up to 12 hours after chemical agent deposition depending on environmental conditions.*

*After a chemical attack, it is best to keep off the grass and other natural surfaces. If travel is a must, walk on side-walks, roads and other paved surfaces, if possible.*

*For more information call the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight at 782-4826 or consult your January 2000 Ability to Survive and Operate Guide.*



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